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DON'T TREAD ON ME

*High* HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

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*By the author of* COMMON SENSE.

BUT before the line of irrecoverable ſeparation be drawn between us, let us reaſon the matter together. Your conduct is an invitation to the enemy, yet not one in a thouſand of you has heart enough to join him. Howe is as much deceived by you as the American cauſe is injured by you. He expects you will all take up arms, and flock to his ſtandard with muſkets on your ſhoulders. Your opinions are of no uſe to him, unleſs you ſupport him perſonally; for it is ſoldiers, and not Tories, that he wants.

I once felt all that kind of anger, which a man ought to feel, againſt the mean principles that are held by the Tories. A noted one, who kept a tavern at Amboy, was ſtanding at his door, with as pretty a child in his hand, about eight or nine years old, as moſt I ever ſaw, and after ſpeaking his mind as freely as he thought was prudent, finiſhed with this unfatherly expreſſion, "*Well! give me peace in my day.*" Not a man lives on the continent but fully believes that a ſeparation muſt ſome time or other finally take place, and a generous parent would have ſaid, "*If there muſt be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace;*" and this ſingle reflection, well applied, is ſufficient to awaken every man to duty. Not a place upon earth might be ſo happy as America. Her ſituation is remote from all the wrangling world, and ſhe has nothing to do but trade with them. A man may eaſily diſtinguiſh in himſelf between temper and principle; and I am as confident, as I am that GOD governs the world, that America will never be happy till ſhe gets clear of foreign dominion. Wars, without ceaſing, will break out till that period arrives, and the continent muſt in the end be conqueror; for though the flame of liberty may ſometimes ceaſe to ſhine, the coal can never expire.

America did not, nor does not, want force; but ſhe wanted a proper application of that force. Wiſdom is not the purchaſe of a day, and it is no wonder that we ſhould err at firſt ſetting off. From an exceſs of tenderneſs, we were unwilling to raiſe an army, and truſted our cauſe to the temporary defence of a well meaning militia. A ſummer's experience has now taught us better; yet with thoſe troops, while they were collected, we were able to ſet bounds to the progreſs of the enemy, and, thank GOD! they are again aſſembling. I always conſidered a militia as the beſt troops in the world for a ſudden exertion, but they will not do for a long campaign. Howe, it is probable, will make an attempt on this city. Should he fail on this ſide the Delaware, he is ruined; if he ſucceeds, our cauſe is not ruined. He ſtakes all on his ſide againſt a part on ours. Admitting he ſucceds, the conſequence will be, that armies from both ends of the continent will march to aſſiſt their ſuffering friends in the middle ſtates; for he cannot go every where, it is impoſſible. I conſider Howe as the greateſt enemy the Tories have; he is bringing a war into their country, which, had it not been for him, and partly for themſelves, they had been clear of. Should he be now expelled, I wiſh, with all the devotion of a Chriſtian, that the names of Whig and Tory may never more be mentioned; but ſhould the Tories give him encouragement to come, or aſſiſtance if he come, I as ſincerely wiſh that our next year's arms may expel them from the continent, and the Congreſs appropriate their poſſeſſions to the relief of thoſe who have ſuffered in well-doing. A ſingle ſucceſsful battle, next year, will ſettle the whole. America could carry on a two years war by the confiſcation of the property of diſaffected perſons, and be made happy by their expulſion. Say not that this is revenge; call it rather the ſoft reſentment of a ſuffering people, who, having no object in view but the *good* of *all*, have ſtaked their *own all* upon a ſeemingly doubtful event. Yet it is folly to argue againſt determined hardneſs; eloquence may ſtrike the ear, and the language of ſorrow draw forth the tear of compaſſion, but nothing can reach the heart that is ſteeled with prejudice.

Quitting this claſs of men, I turn, with the warm ardour of a friend, to thoſe who have nobly ſtood, and are yet determined to ſtand, the matter out. I call not upon a *few*, but upon *all*; not on *this* ſtate or *that* ſtate, but on *every* ſtate. Up and help us; lay your ſhoulders to the wheel; better have too much force than too little, when ſo great an object is at ſtake. Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could ſurvive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and repulſe it. Say not, that thouſands are gone; turn out your tens of thouſands. Throw not the burthen of the day upon providence, but, "*ſhow your faith by your works,*" that GOD may bleſs you. It matters not where you live, or what rank of life you hold; the evil or the bleſſing will reach you all. The far and the near, the home counties and the back, the rich and the poor, ſhall ſuffer or rejoice alike. The heart that feels not, now, is dead. The blood of his children ſhall curſe his cowardice who ſhrinks back at a time when a little might have ſaved the whole, and made them happy. I love the man that can ſmile in trouble, that can gather ſtrength from diſtreſs, and grow brave by reflection. It is the buſineſs of little minds to ſhrink; but he whoſe heart is firm, and whoſe conſcience approves his conduct, will purſue his principles unto death. My own line of reaſoning is to myſelf as ſtraight and clear as a ray of light. Not all the treaſures of the world, ſo far as I believe, could have induced me to ſupport an offenſive war, for I think it murder; but if a thief breaks into my houſe, burns and deſtroys my property, and endeavours to kill me, or thoſe that are in it, and to "*bind me in all caſes whatſoever*" to his abſolute will, am I to ſuffer it? What ſignifies it to me whether he who does it be a king or a common man, my countryman, or not my countryman? Whether it is done by an individual villain, or an army of them? If we reaſon to the root of things, we ſhall find no difference; neither can any juſt cauſe be aſſigned why we ſhould puniſh in the one caſe, and pardon in the other. Let them call me rebel, and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I ſhould ſuffer the miſery of devils were I to make a whore of my ſoul by ſwearing allegiance to one whoſe character is that of a fool, ſtupid, ſtubborn, worthleſs, brutiſh man. I conceive likewiſe a horrid idea in receiving mercy from a being who at the laſt day ſhall be ſhrieking to the rocks and mountains to cover him, and fleeing with terrour from the orphan, the widow, and the ſlain of America.

There are caſes which cannot be overdone by language, and this is one. There are perſons too who ſee not the full extent of the evil that threatens them; they ſolace themſelves with hopes that the enemy, if they ſucceed, will be merciful. It is the madneſs of folly to expect mercy from thoſe who have refuſed to do juſtice; and even mercy, where conqueſt is the object, is only a trick of war. The cunning of the fox is as murderous as the violence of the wolf, and we ought to guard equally againſt both. Howe's firſt object is, partly by threats, and partly by promiſes, to terrify or ſeduce the people to deliver up their arms, and receive mercy. The miniſtry recommended the ſame plan to Gage, and this is what the Tories call making their peace; "*a peace which paſſeth all underſtanding,*" indeed! a peace which would be the immediate forerunner of a worſe ruin than any we have yet thought of. Ye men of Pennſylvania, do reaſon upon thoſe things! Were the back counties to give up their arms, they would fall an eaſy prey to the Indians, who are all armed. This perhaps is what ſome Tories would not be ſorry for. Were the home counties to deliver up their arms, they would be expoſed to the reſentment of the back counties, who would then have it in their power to chaſtiſe their defection at pleaſure; and were any one ſtate to give up its arms, *that* ſtate muſt be garriſoned by all Howe's army of Britons and Heſſians to preſerve it from the anger of the reſt. Mutual fear is a principal link in the chain of mutual love, and woe be to that ſtate that breaks the compact. Howe is mercifully inviting you to barbarous deſtruction, and men muſt be either rogues or fools that will not ſee it. I dwell not upon the vapours of imagination, I bring reaſon to your ears; and in language, as plain as A. B. C. hold up truth to your eyes.

I thank God that I fear not. I see no real cauſe for fear. I know our ſituation well, and can ſee the way out of it. While our army was collected, Howe dared not riſk a battle, and it is no credit to him that he decamped from the White Plains, and waited a mean opportunity to ravage the defenceleſs Jerſeys; but it is great credit to us, that, with an handful of men, we ſuſtained an orderly retreat for near an hundred miles, brought off our ammunition, all our field pieces, the greateſt part of our ſtores, and had four rivers to paſs. None can ſay that our retreat was precipitate, for we were near three weeks in performing it, that the country might have time to come in. Twice we marched back to meet the enemy, and remained out till dark. The ſign of fear was not ſeen in our camp, and had not ſome of the cowardly and diſaffected inhabitants ſpread falſe alarms through the country, the Jerſeys had never been ravaged. Once more we are again collected, and collecting; our new army at both ends of the continent is recruiting faſt, and we ſhall be able to open the next campaign with 60,000 men, well armed and clothed. This is our ſituation, and who will may know it. By perſeverance, and fortitude, we have the proſpect of a glorious iſſue; by cowardice, and ſubmiſſion, the ſad choice of a variety of evils---a ravaged country---a depopulated city---habitations without ſafety, and ſlavery without hope---our homes turned into barracks and bawdy-houſes for Heſſians, and a future race to provide for whoſe fathers we ſhall doubt of. Look on this picture, and weep over it! and if there yet remains one thoughtleſs wretch who believes it not, let him ſuffer it unlamented.

## WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 17.

*Extract of a letter from* Fredericksburg, *dated the 14th inſtant.*

"A GENTLEMAN from Baltimore informs, that Congreſs had received a letter from general Waſhington, acquainting them of a battle fought laſt Friday week between Trenton and Princeton; that, after an obſtinate engagement, the enemy gave way, and we purſued, leaving the killed and wounded on the field; that we had taken the whole of the 40th regiment, and 300 others; that the loſs was great on both ſides. Among our ſlain, general Mercer and a Pennſylvania colonel are mentioned."

By a gentleman from Baltimore, we have the following particulars of the above engagement, viz. That general Waſhington, on the 3d inſtant, having ordered two brigades to march from Trenton to Princeton, they were attacked, about three miles from Trenton, by Howe's main body, whereupon they kept up a retreating fire till they rejoined our main body in that place, but in croſſing a bridge in the town had about 100 of the German battalion killed and wounded. General Mifflin, who had under him 1800 of the Philadelphia militia, immediately took poſſeſſion of the heights commanding ſaid bridge, and repulſed the enemy with much loſs. The enemy then retired, and entered at the weſt end of Trenton; but general Waſhington, being in poſſeſſion of the heights, opened two batteries upon them, and drove them out with loſs. A gentleman who arrived in Philadelphia the day after the engagement, in paſſing through Trenton, on Friday about 12 o'clock, ſaw a number of the Britiſh troops in the ſtreets killed and wounded, although neither of the armies were then in or near the town; and when he arrived at Delaware ferry, he heard a heavy cannonading.---The above account came by two private letters, of the 4th inſtant, from Philadelphia.

This gentleman alſo ſays, that Congreſs received the following account by expreſs, viz. That general Waſhington, after defeating the enemy at Trenton, that very ſame evening detached a large body of troops, under the generals Putnam and Mifflin, who next morning attacked a conſiderable reinforcement, commanded by Howe himſelf, advancing to join his main body, near our camp. The enemy were defeated, with conſiderable loſs on their ſide, 740 of them made priſoners, and five pieces of artillery taken; and the communication was cut off between them and their friends in New York, generals Putnam and Mifflin remaining to watch their motions on one ſide, general Heath, with 3000 men, poſted at Hickinſack, to cut off their retreat that way, and general M'Dougal, with a corps of 1800, is ſo ſituated as to prevent their eſcaping by the mountains.--Col. Cadwallader, of the Philadelphia militia, loſt his arm in the above engagement; but neither of the accounts mention the loſs of general Mercer, and therefore we hope the report is not true.

The Northern poſt brought neither mail nor papers this week, owing to both the rivers Rappahannock and Potowmack being frozen up.

*Deaths.*] Mr. WILLIAM PEARSON, of this city, tanner, after a few days illneſs. In him the publick are deprived of a very valuable member of ſociety, his friends of a worthy and agreeable acquaintance, and his family of a tender huſband, an affectionate parent, and a kind and indulgent maſter.

Capt. THOMAS TEBBS, of the 2d regiment, who was a worthy young gentleman, and a gallant officer.

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*Mr.* PURDIE,

IF ſome faithful hiſtorian, who is well furniſhed with authentick records, ſhould not write the hiſtory of the preſent war, one of the greateſt generals the world ever ſaw, may, and will probably, from the miſrepreſentation of his enemies, appear on a level with the moſt indifferent of the preſent age. The world need not be told that I am ſpeaking of general WASHINGTON. When he beſieged general Gage in Boſton, he was repreſented by the enemy, and all Tories, as having an immenſe army; whereas the fact was, his army was ſcarcely ever double that of the enemy, and had lines of ſuch vaſt extent to man or defend, that, with the great advantage of the enemy's ſhips and boats, they ought to have been able, from their ſuperiour diſcipline, to have attacked and carried his lines, in any part they pleaſed. Indeed, had the general's troops been more numerous than they really were, yet as they were raw, undiſciplined, badly armed, and in extreme want of ammunition (in ſo much that for a conſiderable time they had not in their magazines more than three or four rounds a man) it ſhewed great fortitude in ſuch a ſituation to keep up the ſiege, and great military talents to beſiege and keep at bay the greateſt generals of England, at the head of 8000 of the beſt troops in the world, aided by a powerful fleet. But his abilities appear more conſpicuous when we view him, as ſoon as he was poſſeſſed of cannon, mortars, and ammunition, making uſe of them with ſuch efficacy from Dorcheſter neck. On this part of his operations, I would have the hiſtorian ſpend ſome pages. I would have him minutely relate how he took poſſeſſion of the eminence on that neck, which commands Boſton, and how ably he improved on the advantage he gained by his ground, forcing general Howe with the fleet and army to retire with precipitation, as was clearly proved by the many marks of a precipitate flight they left behind them, viz. a great number of cannon, and ſeveral fine mortars, which were found thrown into the water at mr. Hancock's wharf. This great man has been again repreſented by the Tories as at the head of 40 or 50,000 men, whereas, in truth, he has never been ſuperiour to the enemy in numbers ſince the reinforcements arrived with lord Howe; and yet we ſee him counteracting the manœuvres of general Howe in a maſterly manner, and extricating himſelf out of difficulties which appeared unſurmountable, and which muſt be evident to any one acquainted with the facts, and the ſituation of the ground on Long Iſland and New York. We find him no where yielding to an equal number of the enemy, and we ſee them compelled by him to make uſe of every advantage their fleet afforded them (and many and great they were) and every ſtratagem that the ableſt generals could deviſe, and yet we find they gained no one advantage over him except in two inſtances, in which, by a certain coup de main on their part, and by an inattention to his opinion on ours, we have been conſiderable loſers, I mean in the affairs of Long Iſland and Fort Waſhington. And here I intend no reflection on the judgment of the general officers whoſe opinions may have been the foundation of thoſe diſaſters, for their opinions certainly proceeded from a ſpirit of enterpriſe and true intrepidity, a ſpirit which, I truſt, will never be ſeverely condemned by us, however it may fail of ſucceſs, and which I hope no misfortunes will ever abate.

A. B.

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*By his Excellency* PATRICK HENRY, *jun. eſq; Governour or Chief Magiſtrate of the commonwealth of* Virginia:

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the juſt war into which the United States of America have been forced by Great Britain is likely to be ſtill continued by the ſame violence and injuſtice which have hitherto animated the enemies of American freedom, and whereas it becomes all perſons to reverence the providence of GOD, and look up to him as the ſupreme diſpoſer of all events, and the arbiter of the fate of nations: I do therefore, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, hereby appoint Friday the laſt day of February next to be obſerved as a day of ſolemn faſting and humiliation, to implore of Almighty GOD the forgiveneſs of the many ſins prevailing among all ranks, and to beg the countenance and aſſiſtance of his providence in the proſecution of this juſt and neceſſary war. I do alſo, in the moſt earneſt manner, recommend to all the members of this ſtate, and particularly to the officers civil and military, the exerciſe of repentance and reformation; and farther, do require of the ſaid officers of the military department the ſtrict obſervation of the articles of war in general, and particularly that of the ſaid articles which forbids profane ſwearing and all other immoralities, of which all ſuch officers are deſired to take notice. It is alſo particularly expected that the ſeveral miniſters of the Goſpel, of every denomination, do pay due obedience to this proclamation, and that they alſo preach a ſermon ſuited to the occaſion, at their ſeveral churches and places of publick worſhip.

GIVEN *under my hand, this 15th day of* January, *in the firſt year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our* LORD CHRIST 1777.

PATRICK HENRY, junior.

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STRAYED or STOLEN from mr. *Gabriel Maupin's*, in *Williamſburg*, the 21ſt of *December* laſt, a large bay mare about 14 hands high, with hanging mane and ſwitch tail, not branded that I remember, and if not ſtolen would probably make to *Jameſtown*. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to mr. *Maupin*, or to me in *Suſſex*, ſhall be handſomely rewarded.

JOHN CREAGH.

NEWCASTLE, *Jan.* 8, 1777.

THE ſubſcriber has lately moved to this place, where he keeps tavern in the houſe lately occupied by mr. *Ambler*. Gentlemen who are pleaſed to favour him with their cuſtom may depend on good ſtableage for their horſes, and the beſt entertainment for themſelves, by their moſt obedient ſervant,

2‖ WILLIAM TINSLEY.

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RICHMOND county, *Jan.* 10, 1776.

THOSE marines who have not received their pay up to the 8th inſtant are deſired to apply to me for the ſame. I have in my poſſeſſion a ſum of money due the eſtate of mr. *William Stevens*, a marine who was drowned laſt fall from on board the *Henry* galley. Any perſon who is heir to ſaid deceaſed may have it by applying to JOHN C. COCKE.

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*At a court held for* Suſſex *county, the* 19*th day of* December, 1776.

A WRITING purporting the nuncupative will of *Nicholas Thompſon*, late of this county, deceaſed, was preſented into court, and offered for proof; and the next of kindred to the ſaid deceaſed, if any, being entirely unknown to this court, it is therefore ordered, that the proof of the ſaid nuncupative will be deferred till next court, when ſuch next of kindred may appear and conteſt the ſame if they pleaſe. And that, in the mean time, a copy of this order be publiſhed in the *Virginia* Gazette. (A copy)

Teſt. W. CLAIBORNE, jun. c. S. c.

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*To be SOLD at pubuck auction, on the* 31*ſt day of this inſtant, for ready money, at the plantation of mr.* John Baird, *which laſt year was occupied by mr.* John Selden, *near* Blandford,

SUNDRY houſehold and kitchen furniture, cattle, ſheep, and horſes, alſo ſome corn, peaſe, fodder, and a neat good chariot, with harneſs for four horſes.

THOMAS TABB,

1‖ W. R. W. CURLE,

exec. of mrs. *Martha Wallace*, deceaſed.

*** All perſons who have any demands againſt the ſaid eſtate are deſired to make them known, and thoſe indebted are requeſted to come to a ſpeedy ſettlement.

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To be SOLD, on *Thurſday* the 23d of this inſtant *January*, to the higheſt bidders,

ALL *the perſonal eſtate of the deceaſed* James Richeſon, *at his late dwelling place in* King William *county, conſiſting of corn, fodder, cattle, hogs, ſheep, horſes, ſeveral good oxen, and all the houſehold and kitchen furniture, plantation utenſils*, &c. *Twelve months credit to be allowed for all ſums above* 40*s. and bonds to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually diſcharged. ---All perſons having any demands againſt the ſaid eſtate are deſired to make them known to the executors at or before the day of ſale, and thoſe indebted to the ſaid eſtate are requeſted to make payment.*

HOLT RICHESON.

1‖ PETER RICHESON.

DAVID PANNILL.

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RUN away from the ſubſcriber, in *Williamſburg*, the two following negro men, *viz.* FOY, about 40 years old, who is clad in cotton, and about ten days ago beat his overſeer and went off. EMANUEL, upwards of 6 feet high, about 26 years old, a ſtrong able fellow, of a daring reſolute temper, very ſubtle, and formerly belonged to *Auguſtine Smith* of *Middleſex*. This fellow, laſt *Sunday* night, laid violent hands on me, and daſhed me on the ground. They are both notorious thieves. Whoever will apprehend the ſaid ſlaves, and deliver them to me, ſhall be paid any reaſonable reward.

JOHN GREENHOW.

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PRESTWOULD, *Mecklenburg* county, *Jan.* 5, 1777.

I HAVE *for ſale* 125 *STALLED BEEVES, many of them very fine, and* 75 *or* 100 *very fat MUTTONS, that I would ſell on reaſonable terms, if received by the purchaſer where I live. I have alſo for ſale* 60 *hhds. of choice TOBACCO, made on very rich freſh land, that I could deliver in a ſhort time at any publick landing on* James *river.* PEYTON SKIPWITH.

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A MILLER *who underſtands the management of a merchant mill, that can come well recommended, will meet with good encouragement by applying to me, near* Charles City *courthouſe.*

2‖ JOHN EDLOE.

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WANTED immediately, a MILLWRIGHT that underſtands building of an overſhot mill. Any perſon inclinable to undertake the ſame is deſired to apply to the ſubſcriber, living in *James City*, near *Williamſburg*.

(2) CARY WILKINSON.

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I DO *hereby give notice to mr.* John Cullan *of* King & Queen *county, that the two negro fellows PHIL and JAMES, that that he holds as his wife's right of dower, are now at my houſe in* Spotſylvania. *I therefore requeſt he will pay the charge of this advertiſement, and take them away.*

1‖ HEZEKIAH ELLIS.

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*FIVE POUNDS REWARD.*

FOR apprehending, and confining in any publick jail, *ROBIN*, a likely negro man, very black, active and well, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has been uſed to go by water, had a blue jacket and ſundry other good clothes, is under ſentence of death for robbing and burning a houſe, but broke out of *King William* jail the night before he was to have been executed, to wit, the 7th of *November* laſt. He belonged to mr. *James Wallace Bailey* of *Hampton*, and has been ſeen in that neighbourhood. Whoever may apprehend the ſaid negro man will be pleaſed to give me immediate information thereof, and beſides the above reward ſhall be ſatisfied for any expenſe or trouble they may be at in giving me notice.

JOHN HILL, ſheriff of *K. Wm.*

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DESERTED *from* Trenton, New Jerſey, December 4, 1776, *JOHN WAGSTAFF, a ſoldier belonging to capt.* Thomas Nelſon's *company of regulars of the firſt* Virginia *regiment; he is a ſtout young lad, about* 20 *years of age, has light hair, his uniform was blue, turned up with red. The ſaid* Wagſtaff *was enliſted near* York *town, in* Virginia. *Whoever takes up the ſaid deſerter, and delivers him to capt.* Nelſon *in* York *town, or the ſubſcriber now with the company in* Pennſylvania, *ſhall receive TWELVE DOLLARS reward.*

1‖ JOHN MOSS, *lieutenant.*

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STRAYED or STOLEN from mr. *John Fergusſon's*, in *Williamſbnrg*, a ſmall ſorrel mare, neither dockt nor branded; ſhe has a remarkable large head, a ſnip down her noſe, trots, paces, and gallops very well, and goes with ſpirit. Whoever delivers her to mr. *Fergusſon*, or to me in *Pocoſon*, ſhall have 20*s.* reward.

2‖ ROBERT SHEILD.

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TAKEN up in *Northumberland*, a white mare about 13 hands high, is a trotter, very ſlack of courage, and has ſome brand that I cannot make out. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4*l.* ‖ *George Ingram.*

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TAKEN up in *Amelia*, a brindled work ox, who appears to be about 6 or 7 years old, and to have run a bull till pretty well grown; the points of his horns have been cut off, is marked with a crop in the right ear, and a crop and ſlit in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3*l.* *John Pride.*

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A VALUABLE negro *BLACKSMITH* to hire. Inquire of mr. *Starkey Robinſon*, at the *Halfway Houſe*, or

AUGUSTINE MOORE.

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PORT NORFOLK,

ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given to all maſters and owners of veſſels, and others whom it may concern, that the naval office for this diſtrict is now open in the town of *Portſmouth*, where conſtant attendance will be given by mr. *William Armiſtead Bailey*, whom I have appointed my deputy, and is qualified to act as deputy in the ſaid office according to law.

JOHN KING, naval officer.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 15, 1777.

DESERTED from capt. *William Sanford*'s company of the 2d regiment, *WILLIAM TURNER*, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, well made, with ſhort light coloured hair, and was enliſted in *Amelia* county by lieut. *Joſeph Archer*. Whoever will deliver the ſaid deſerter to the commanding officer at this place ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

2‖ ALEXANDER PARKER, lieut.

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PORT HAMPTON.

LOWER DISTRICT of *James* RIVER.

LET all maſters and owners of veſſels, and others, whom it may concern, know, that the naval office of this port is open, and the officer expects all the inward bound to enter according to the laws of the commonwealth of *Virginia*, where they may have a permit granted to proceed and diſpoſe of their cargoes in any diſtricts, ports, or places in the ſaid commonwealth; and that the outward bound, when they come to clear out, will take care that they have proper certificates for their cargo, with a ballaſt maſter's certificate ſigned and ſealed according to law.

JACOB WRAY, naval officer.

*** Pork, beef, flour, tar, turpentine, pitch, ballaſt, &c. certificates, the maſter, mate, and boatſwain, muſt be at the office to clear.

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LEFT at my houſe, by ſome perſon unknown, a light drab coloured *CLOAK*, which the owner may have on paying the charge of this advertiſement.

GABRIEL MAUPIN.

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RUN away from the ſubſcriber, near *Bevil*'s bridge in *Amelia* county, the 27th of *Auguſt* laſt, a *Virrginia* born negro lad named HARRY, but is uſually called HAL. He is about 15 years old, and is ſlightly pitted with the ſmallpox. He took with him a light coloured frieze coat, ſtriped waiſtcoat, trouſers of tow and cotton, a ſhirt of cotton, and ſeveral other clothes, ſhoes, ſtockings, &c. He is capable of being a complete waiting man, both as attendant in a houſe, and a manager of horſes, to which employment he has been put for ſome time, at mr. *Wright*'s ſtore in *Cumberland* county, and at mr. *James Cooke*'s ordinary (of whom I bought him) in *Amelia*. I have reaſon to expect that he is with mr. *John Chambers* in *Buckingham* county, and that he will uſe every effort in his power to detain him from me. Whoever will bring the ſaid lad to me ſhall have 3*l.* reward; and I do hereby forewarn the ſaid *Chambers*, and all others, from entertaining the ſaid negro.

1‖ JOHN FORD.

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STRAYED or STOLEN from *Williamſburg*, on the 13th of *November* laſt, a dark bay mare 14 hands high, 4 years old next ſpring, winh hanging mane and ſwitch tail, was galled behind by the breech-band, ſhod all round, is a natural pacer, but has no brand that I know of. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 20*s.* reward, and if ſtolen 5*l.* on conviction of the thief.

PATRICK ROBERTSON.

THE naval office of *South Potowmack* is kept at *Lee Hall*, in *Westmoreland* county.

2‖ CHARLES LEE. naval officer.

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York town, *Jan.* 13, 1777.

ALL thoſe men that are out upon furlough, belonging to the party of artillery ſtationed at *York* town, are deſired to return by the 28th inſtant, in order that their accounts may be adjuſted.——*Auſtin Lawleſs*, *Jeſſe Dillon*, and *Nicholas Ware*, whoſe furloughs have been out for ſome time, are hereby ordered to return home, or ſend immediately a certificate from ſome gentleman of the county to which they belong, of their impotency. A neglect of this will be attended with the conſequence of puniſhment as deſerters.

2‖ WILLIAM PIERCE, jun. Capt. of artillery.

*N. B.* Mr. *Edward Valentine*, of *King William*, is deſired to make a return of what men he has enliſted for my company.

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*To be RENTED for one or more years, on Friday the 31ſt of this inſtant* (January)

THE ordinary in *Bedford* county belonging to the eſtate of *John Hylton*, deceaſed, alſo a plantation adjoining thereto, with all houſes neceſſary for a farmer or planter. Any perſon who has an inclination to ſee the above land and houſes may be ſhewn them by applying to *John Forbs*, living on the premiſes.

FRANCIS EPPES, } executors.
JOHN HYLTON, }

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THE gentlemen ſoldiers who have been enliſted by myſelf or ſubalterns are deſired to meet me immediately at *Orange* old courthouſe, thoſe only excepted who are on the ſouth ſide of *James* river, who are deſired to meet at *Prince Edward* courthouſe; when I, or ſome perſon for me, will attend at each place, in order to pay them their wages. None, I hope, will fail to attend, as I ſhall be under the diſagreeable neceſſity of treating all ſuch as deſerters. 2‖ B. PORTER.

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I HAVE for ſale a valuable plantation, on *Nottoway* river, adjacent to *Freeman's* bridge, about 500 acres, whereon is a dwelling-houſe, with two rooms below and two above, with a paſſage on each floor underpinned and brick chimnies, and a cellar under the whole, a kitchen and laundry, with a ſhelter in the front the length of the whole building underpinned, and a ſtack of chimnies in the middle, with moſt other houſes for a family, alſo an excellent orchard of the beſt *Hughes's* crab and other fruits. It is the plantation that *Hartwell Marrable*, deceaſed, reſided on. One fourth part of the conſideration to be paid at the expiration of the firſt year, and the reſidue at three equal annual payments afterwards, with intereſt upon the whole from the time poſſeſſion is given. For farther particulars apply to col. *Herbert Claiborne* in *King William*, mr. *William Claiborne* at *Freeman's* bridge, or to the ſubſcriber in *Suſſex*.

AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE.

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STOLEN or *STRAYED from the ſubſcriber in* Williamſburg, *about the 29th of* December, *at night, two horſes. One a ſmall gray, about* 13 *hands and a half high, with hanging mane and ſwitch tail, paces naturally, has no brand that I recollect, and is tolerably ſpirited. The other a ſorrel, with flaxen mane and tail, about* 14 *hands high, well made, paces, trots, and canters very eaſy, has a blaze in his face, a wall eye, and was ſhod round. Whoever brings them to the ſubſcriber, or gives ſuch intelligence as they may be got again, ſhall receive* 40s *or* 20s. *for either; and if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief,* 20 *dollars.*

*JOHN ROWSAY.*

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KING WILLIAM, *Jan.* 10, 1777.

BY virtue of a late act of the General Aſſembly of this ſtate, I have it now in my power to do that juſtice to my creditors which has been always my deſire. I therefore propoſe ſelling the following TRACTS of LAND in *Warwick* county, *viz. Stanley Hundred*, containing 1500 acres, the fertility thereof equal to moſt land in the lower parts of the country; it is an excellent range for ſtock, convenient to fiſh and oyſters, and to navigation. A tract of about 1000 acres lying upon *Ware* creek, which is good lively land, and well adapted to farming. *Blunt Point*, containing about 1000 acres, on which is a very good two ſtory brick houſe with four rooms on a floor, pleaſantly ſituated on the river, a brick kitchen with two rooms above, a large ſtable, coach houſe, &c. For terms inquire of the ſubſcriber, who intends for *England* as ſoon as he can ſettle his affairs.

2‖ JAMES ROSCOW.

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FREDERICKSBURG, *Jan.* 1, 1777.

WHEREAS the myſtery of SPINNING and WEAVING is ſo very little known, and ſo badly practiſed, in this and all other parts of *America*, we the ſubſcribers think proper to inform the publick what kind of goods we are capable of manufacturing, *viz.* Cottons of all ſorts, jeans, pillows, thickſets, velvet, velveret, baragon jeans, calicoes, muſlins, *German*, *French* and common ſtripes, *Dutch* cords, corded dimities, corderoys, royal ribs, denims, ſatinets, *Indian* jeans, jennets, drawboys, quiltings, figured work of all ſorts, linens of any fineneſs worked to the greateſt perfection, plain and ſtriped checks of all ſorts, linen and cotton hollands, lawns and cambricks, gowns of any pattern, ſilk, cotton, and linen, wove to the greateſt perfection, woollen cloth of all ſorts, fine and coarſe, with many other articles too tedious to mention. We have alſo for ſale SPINNING MACHINES, that will ſpin a pound in an hour of 8 yard thread, to work with any number of ſpindles, from 10 to 100, juſt as people chooſe to have them. Theſe machines ſpin wool to the greateſt perfection; and we are now erecting one of a new conſtruction, which cannot fail to ſatisfy every one that is deſirous to improve in carrying on their family work. We propoſe raiſing a number of ſubſcriptions, that the art may be made more publick, and ſhall teach both to ſpin and weave; ſo that if any gentlemen chooſe to encourage theſe branches of buſineſs, either in town or country, we are ready and willing at any time, or at any diſtance, to aſſiſt, and condition for any number of years, to teach weaving, ſpinning, ſhearing, dreſſing, dying, and fulling, in the greateſt perfection. We have an exceeding good hand along with us that underſtands dying and fulling perfectly well, and have two ſpinning machines and three pair of looms, with other things ready for carrying on the buſineſs, which we can carry along with us into any part of the country, and ſo be ready to begin buſineſs without loſs of time, which will be a double advantage to any maſter of a factory. We have been in this town near 12 months, and are not engaged to any one, but are at our own liberty to be called to any part of *America*, if any gentleman chooſes to encourage us; ſo that we ſhall always be ready and willing to do all we can for the good of the country, in carrying on every thing both in ſpinning and weaving. So if any one is deſirous to ſee our works, they may find us in the factory at *Fredericksburg*, either by writing or in perſon.

*Giles Higſon. John Higſon. William Paton. Andrew Robinſon. William Harwood. William Wilkie.*

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DESERTED *from on board the ſloop* Betſey *and* Polly, *lying in* York *river, the mate and three ſeamen*, viz Z‑ bubel Kellam, *mate, about* 23 *years old,* 5 *feet* 9 *inches high, well made*, Virginia *born, has a ſore leg, ſhort hair, and wears a white or blue jacket and trouſers.* Abel Wilſon, *ſeaman, about* 23 *years old,* 5 *feet* 10 *inches high, is much pitted with the ſmallpox. lame in one of his hands, and wears a blue jacket and trouſers.* Francis Moore, *ſeaman, about* 21 *years old,* 5 *feet* 6 *inches high, ſlender made*, New England *born, has long dark hair, and wears a blue jacket and trouſers.* Hugh Harris, *ſeaman, about* 28 *years old,* 5 *feet* 4 *inches high, has ſhort dark hair, and wears a blue jacket and trouſers. Whoever delivers the ſaid deſerters to me at* Blackwater *up* North *river, in* Mobjack *bay, or confines them in any of the jails within this commonwealth, ſo as I get them again, ſhall have* 20*l. reward,* 10*l for the mate alone, or* 5*l. for each ſeaman.*

2‖ *ROBERT LENNIS.*

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*SIX POUNDS REWARD.*

DESERTED from my recruits enliſted for capt. *William Lanc*, jun. his company of regulars, raiſed for the defence of the ſtate of *Georgia*, *John Graham* (commonly called *Grimes*), about 23 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, ſlender made, thin viſage, a pleaſing countenance, ſlow in ſpeech, long black hair, which he generally wears in a club. The ſaid *Graham* was a reſident of *Albemarle*, deſerted laſt *November*, and I am apprehenſive is gone to *Pittſylvania* county. I will give the above reward to any perſon who will deliver the ſaid deſerter at *Prince Edward* courthouſe.

2‖ ELISHA MILLER. lieut.

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STRAYED from the ſubſcriber in *Williamſburg*, ſome time laſt ſpring, two cows, the one a black, marked with a crop and underkeel in each ear, and has the end of one of her horns ſawed off; the other red, with ſome white under her belly, her mark forgot, and had an iron collar about her neck with a bell and lock. Alſo 16 or 17 ſheep, the greateſt part of which I preſume have gone towards mrs. *Aylett's*, near *Cowles's* ferry, as I purchaſed them there; ſome of them are marked with a crop, ſlit, and underkeel, in each ear, and are painted red on there back and heads. The others probably have gone towards *Jameſtown*, as I purchaſed them on the ſouth ſide of *James* river; their mark forgot. I will give 10s. reward for each of the cows, and three dollars for the ſheep, or in proportion for any part of the ſheep, on ſuch information as I may get them again.

JOHN JARAM.

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SUSSEX, *Jan.* 4, 1777.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, from mr. *Thomas Stith's* in *Brunſwick*, the 18th of *December* laſt, a mare and horſe, both black, dockt, but not branded. The horſe is about 8 years old, 4 feet 9 inches high, paces and trots, and is a well ſet horſe. The mare is about 10 years old, 4 feet 7 inches high, paces and trots, has one hind foot white, and was bred in the lower end of *Suſſex*. Whoever will deliver either or both of the ſaid creatures to mr. *Thomas Stith* or mr. *John Hardaway* in *Brunſwick*, or to the ſubſcriber, ſhall have 20s. for each; or if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief, 5l.

2‖ MARK NICHOLSON.

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TAKEN up in *James City*, about 4 miles from *Williamsburg*, a red and white ſteer marked with a crop in the right ear, and two ſlits in the left; he came to my plantation ſome time in *October*, Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. 10s.

*Lewellin Spencer.*

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*By his Excellency* PATRICK HENRY, *jun. esq; Governour or Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of* Virginia:

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the present critical situation of American affairs renders necessary the utmost exertion of every sister state, to put a speedy end to the cruel ravages of a haughty and inveterate enemy, and secure our invaluable rights, I have therefore thought proper, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, to issue this my proclamation, hereby most earnestly exhorting and requiring the several county lieutenants, and other officers of the militia within this commonwealth, and all other subjects of the same, forthwith to use their utmost endeavours to associate so many companies of volunteers as may be willing to engage in the defence of this state, or march to the assistance of any other, should the exigency of things demand it, and, without loss of time, to inform me of their success in this business. Each company must consist of 68 men rank and file, under one captain, two lieutenants, and an ensign, to be chosen by the company. It will be necessary that the men should furnish themselves with the best guns and other arms which can be procured, also powder horns, cartouch boxes or pouches, and blankets.

And I do dereby promise, that all such persons as shall engage in this service shall receive the pay and rations provided by this state for their regular troops, also forage for such horses as they, or any of them, may find for the expeditious marching of the troops, and forwarding the same; and that such volunteers shall not be obliged to serve longer than the particular exigencethat called them forth continues, or their place can be supplied by regular troops.

GIVEN *under my hand, this 26th day of* December, *in the first year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our Lord* 1776.

PATRICK HENRY, jun.

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STRAYED or STOLEN early in *November* last, from *York*, a chestnut horse about 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, 5 or 6 years old, with a hanging mane and switch tail, a long star in his forehead, saddle spots in his back, is a natural pacer, and branded on the near buttock I. Whoever brings the said horse, or gives intelligence so that I may get him again, shall have 20s. reward.

2‖ MARGARET HAWKINS,
of *Essex* county, near *Layton's*.

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*To be RENTED, and entered on immediately,*

TWO exceeding good and convenient dry good stores at *Aylett's* warehouses, in the county of *King William*, at the head of navigation on *Mattapony* river, with excellent lumber houses, granaries, &c. The terms may be known by applying to messr. *Archibald* or *James Govan* at *Hanover* town, mr. *Robert Pollard* at *Aylett's*, or the subscriber in *Williamsburg*.

W. AYLETT.

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*For SALE, in* James City *county,*

A VALUABLE tract of land, lying on each side of the road leading from *Cartwright's* ordinary to *Williamsburg*. There are on the said tract of land a good dwelling-house, barns, and all other necessary buildings. All the cleared land is enclosed, and the land is as good, or better, than any in the neighbourhood. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to

EDWARD POWER.

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*By his Excellency* PATRICK HENRY, *jun. esq; Governour or Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of* Virginia:

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the king of Great Britain hath waged war against this commonwealth and the United American States, and there are within this commonwealth divers merchants and others, subjects of the said king, who, while they remain here, have frequent opportunities of seducing and corrupting the minds of the people, and are suspected of holding correspondence with and giving intelligence to the enemy: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, to issue this my proclamation, in the name of the commonwealth, hereby strictly requiring and enjoining all the natives of Great Britain, who were partners with, factors, agents, storekeepers, assistant storekeepers, or clerks here, for any merchant or merchants in Great Britain, on the 1st day of January 1776, the time the act of the British parliament for restraining the trade of America, and seizing our property upon the water, took place, to depart this commonwealth, with their goods, within forty days from the date hereof, except such of the said natives as have heretofore uniformly manifested a friendly disposition to the American cause, or are attached to this country by having wives or children here, agreeable to a resolution of the General Assembly in that case made, and to the statute staple of the 27th of Edward III. chapter 17th; in conformity to which, I do hereby notify to all such persons, that they are at liberty, in the mean time, to sell and dispose of their goods and merchandise to any person or persons who shall be willing to purchase the same.

GIVEN *under my hand, this 3d day of* January, *in the first year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our Lord* 1777.

PATRICK HENRY, junior.

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*TEN DOLLARS REWARD.*

BROKE out of mr. *Waller's* lot in *Williamsburg*, about three weeks ago, two horses; one a black, about 15 hands and an inch high, with a large star in his forehead; the other a bay, about 14 hands and a half high, but no marks of any kind that I recollect. The above reward shall be given to whoever brings them to me in *Williamsburg*, or will give information so that I may get them again.

ROBERT NELSON.

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*For SALE,*

THE schooner *BETSEY*, five years old, built at *Boston*, as she now lies ashore near *Pig Point*, the mouth of *Nansemond* river, with her sails, rigging, cables, anchors, masts, yards, and all other materials. She is 56 feet keel, 22 feet beam, seven feet and a half in the hold, and carries 800 barrels of flour. Her materials may be seen at mr. *M'Koy's* in *Nansemond*, and any person inclining to purchase may know the conditions by applying to the subscriber at *Fredericksburg*.

*N. B.* Any carpenter, or others, that would undertake to get the said schooner off, shall receive from the subscriber 12l. as soon as she is afloat.

4‖ ELIEZER CALLENDER.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 8, 1777.

WANTED immediately, three or four SHOP JOINERS, also ten or twelve *NEGRO CARPENTERS* for six or seven months, for which a good price will be given by FRANCIS JARVIS.

*N. B.* Any person who has *WHITE OAK TREES* to dispose of, near this city, may apply as above.

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CHESTERFIELD, *Jan.* 6, 1777.

THE following soldiers, enlisted by me for the 2d Georgia battalion, are desired to meet me on the 20th instant at *Cumberland* courthouse, with their blankets and muskets (if any) and they shall be paid for them. Should they disobey this notice, they will be considered as deserters, and treated accordingly. Their names are, *James Lee* and *John Stith* of *Bedford*, *John Peat* of *Buckingham*, *Robert Wilkins* of *Hanover*, *John Dorton*, *John Williams*, *William Strange*, and *Anthony Hooper*, enlisted in *Williamsburg*. —— The officers of the 7th company of the said regiment are desired by the colonel to attend with their men likewise, at the above time and place.

2‖ ALEX: BAUGH, lieut.

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*To be SOLD to the highest bidder, at the late dwelling-house of* John Roulett, *senior, deceased, in* Prince Edward *county, on* Thursday *the* 30*th instant* (January) *if fair, otherwise next fair day,*

FOUR NEGROES, *viz.* a very likely fellow, a wench, and two children, several horses and mares, the stock of cattle and hogs, the crop of tobacco, wheat, corn, and fodder, household and kitchen furniture, also a copper still and worm. Twelve months credit will be given for all sums above 25s. for which bond with good security will be required; and if not punctually paid, to bear interest from the date. Five per cent. discount will be allowed for ready money. Claims against the estate must be made known on the day of sale.

(2) JOHN ROULETT, MACKNESS ROULETT, } executors.

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TEN POUNDS REWARD.

WAS *stolen out of mr.* William Smith's *tavern in* Fredericksburg, *on the evening of the* 22*d of* December 1776, *between the hours of* 7 *and* 9 *o'clock, a large portmanteau, containing a variety of wearing apparel and other articles, the most particular of which are the following,* viz. 1 *suit of* London *brown superfine broadcloth, half trimmed, with gold spangled buttons,* 1 *suit of cinnamon coloured superfine broadcloth, half worn,* 1 *coat of pale blue cassimir, with covered buttons,* 1 *waistcoat and pair of breeches of white do.* 1 *pair of black silk stocking breeches,* 1 *coattee of* German *serge,* 1 *waistcoat of crimson broadcloth,* 1 *do. of* Bath *coating,* 1 *waistcoat and pair of breeches of corded dimity,* 1 *do. and do. of spotted jeans,* 2 *pair of nankeen breeches, sundry white jeans waistcoats and breeches,* 2 *coats of do.* 1 *collegian's gown of black bombazine,* 13 *shirts of fine linen marked I M,* 5 *or* 6 *pair of white silk stockings, most of them marked I M,* 4 *pair of raw silk do.* 5 *or* 6 *pair of worked do. marked I M,* 6 *red and white handkerchiefs marked I M,* 8 *muslin and* 6 *cambrick stocks marked as the other things,* 1 *black silk do.* 1 *pair of gloves,* 1 *pair of slippers,* 2 German *flutes, one of them with the maker's name,* Potter, *on it, a gold watch chain,* 1 *pair of stone sleeve buttons set in gold, having under the stone H H ciphered with hair,* 1 *freemason's brooch,* 1 *case of surgeon's instruments with the makers names,* Heath & Wing, *cipher-ed on the ride, with many other articles not recollected. Should any of the above mentioned things be offered for sale, it is requested that they may be stopt, and the vendor strictly examined with respect to the manner in which they came into his possession. For the portmanteau, clothes, & other articles, if delivered to* Smith *in Fredericksburg, the above reward will be given, and a proportionate part for any part of them.*

THE ſubſcriber hath on hand, in the city of *Williamſburg*, a few hhds. of old *Barbados RUM*, a few hhds. of excellent *CLARET*, ſeveral caſes of *CHAMPAIGNE* in bottles, a quantity of delicious *French CORDIALS*, beſt *French COFFEE* in barrels, beſt *Coniack BRANDY*, in baſkets of two bottles each, a quantity of that excellent purging drug *CASSIA*, and a hhd. of *EARTHEN WARE*; to be ſold at a reaſonable advance, for ready money. Alſo a large aſſortment of fine *French LINENS*, *BLACK PEPPER*, ſtriped *MUSLIN*, gold and ſilver *SHOULDER KNOTS*, plain white and yellow gilt coat and jacket *BUTTONS*, to be ſold at the publick ſtore, on publick account, by W. AYLETT.

*N. B.* I am in want of an aſſiſtant in the publick ſtore, who can write a good hand, underſtands book-keeping, and can come well recommended for honeſty and ſobriety.

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*For SALE, in the county of* Granville, *and ſtate of* North Carolina,

ONE thouſand acres of well timbered land, ſufficient to work 30 hands on, the ſoil of which is exceeding good either for corn, wheat, or tobacco, and ſituated on *Nutbuſh* creek, about 17 miles from the courthouſe of the ſaid county. There is a commodious new dwelling-houſe, juſt finiſhed, with five rooms above and below ſtairs, a good kitchen 48 feet long, with a brick chimney in the middle, which affords a good fire-place to two rooms, a very good ſpinning houſe with two brick chimnies, a ſtable, ſeveral very good barns, with every other convenient and neceſſary houſe, and an exceeding good garden. The pleaſant and agreeable ſituation of this place can be equalled by few, if any, that are not ſituated on the navigable water courſes. There is alſo on this tract of land an exceeding good ſtore-houſe and dwelling-houſe, with every other convenient and neceſſary houſe either for a merchant or publican, which at this time rents for 25l. per annum. This place is ſituated about 55 miles from the town of *Halifax*, and 95 miles from *Peterſburg*. I would alſo ſell one other tract of land on *Great Iſland* creek, fine for tobacco or grain, containing 976 acres, on which there is a good dwelling-houſe, and other neceſſary houſes fit for cropping; this place now rents for the ſum of 15l. per annum. One fourth of the purchaſe money for theſe lands to be paid in a twelve-month from the time of ſale; the other payments to be made within three years after the firſt, on giving bond with approved ſecurity, which bonds are to bear intereſt from the time the firſt payment becomes due. Any perſon inclinable to treat for theſe lands may know the terms by applying to the ſubſcriber, now living on the premiſes.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

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STRAYED or STOLEN from the attorney general's paſture, in *Williamſburg*, a dark bay horſe near 5 feet high, with a ſtar in his forehead, his right hip lower than the other, paces well, and goes with ſpirit. Whoever delivers him to *Lewis Burwell*, eſq; of *Kingſmill*, ſhall have 40s. reward.

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YORK town, *Dec.* 20, 1776.

STOLEN *out of* John Gibbons's *bar, a* French *SMALL SWORD ſilver mounted, a pair of ſilver plated SPURS, a handkerchief on which is printed the* Britiſh *ſhips of war at a royal review at* Portſmouth, *which contained ſome clothes. Whoever brings the ſaid articles to capt.* Robert Anderſon *in* Williamſburg, *mr.* Gibbons, *in* York, *or to me on board the ſloop* Liberty, *now lying at* York, *ſhall have SIX DOLLARS reward.*

WALTER BROOK.

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RICHMOND, *January* 2, 1777.

JUST imported from the *Weſt Indies*, in the ſchooner *Good Intent*, capt. *Roberts*, an aſſortment of dry goods, conſiſting of gunpowder, 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. and 20d. nails, oſnabrugs, white linen, mens and womens white ſilk hoſe, needles, pins, and writing paper; alſo a few hhds. of rum and moloſſes, which will be ſold at publick vendue, in this town, on *Monday* the 20th inſtant, for ready money.

JOSHUA STORRS,
HUGH WALKER & co.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 2, 1777.

ALL perſons who lodged any papers, relative to law buſineſs, in the hands of my father, *John Randolph*, eſq; are hereby requeſted to apply to me for them immediately.

EDMUND RANDOLPH.

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WANTED immediately, 4 or 5 good *SEAMEN*, to whom I will give 5l. per month; alſo a *MATE*, who, upon coming well recommended, will receive 7l. per month. Apply to me at col. *Harriſon*'s ſhipyard, or at my houſe in *Charles City* county

JOHN KENT.

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STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, near *Botetourt* courthouſe (by a man who while in this neighbourhood called himſelf *JAMES ROBINSON*) a gray gelding 4 years old, about 14 hands high, paces and trots, and branded on the near buttock I N. The ſaid thief was ſome time in *Pittſylvania* county, and there went by the name of *WATSON;* he was ſeen with the ſtolen horſe in going up to the *Hollow* in *North Carolina*, and had with him a negro fellow named *JOE*, belonging to capt. *Thomas Bowyer*, on a ſtolen horſe likewiſe. Whoever gives me intelligence of the ſaid horſe, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have 5l. reward, and 5l. more on conviction of the thief.

JOHN NEELEY.

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TAKEN up in *James City*, near *Cartwright*'s ordinary, a bay horſe about 8 years old, 13 hands and a half high, has a ſtar and ſnip, ſome ſaddle ſpots, and his mane and tail are diſfigured by being cut. Poſted, and appraiſed to 8l. The owner may have him by applying to me, in *Williamſburg*. *John Moody.*

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TAKEN up in *Mecklenburg*, near the mouth of *Aaron*'s creek, on the ſouth ſide of *Roanoke*, a darkiſh bay horſe, about 4 feet 4 inches high, about 10 years old, has ſeveral ſaddle ſpots, but no brand perceivable; alſo a black horſe about 4 years old, 4 feet 5 or 6 inches high, paces altogether, is dockt, and branded on the off buttock reſembling E S. Poſted and appraiſed, the bay horſe to 6l. and the black to 7l.

*John Jones*, jun.

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TAKEN up on *Dan* river, in *Mecklenburg*, an iron gray mare about 11 years old, 4 feet 6 or 7 inches high, has a ſtar in her forehead, ſome ſaddle ſpots, her hind feet white up to the footlocks, paces naturally, and branded on the near ſide and buttock I G. Poſted, and appraiſed to 6l. 10s.

*Thomas Jones.*

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TAKEN up in *Stafford*, near *St. Paul's* church, a bay horſe about 5 years old, 13 hands and a half high, with a ſmall blaze in his face, ſhod before, paces a little, but has no brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.

*Baldwin Dade.*

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TAKEN up in *Stafford*, near *Aquia*, a ſmall bay mare about 8 years old, is dockt, but not branded. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l.

*Elias Hare.*

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CHARLES CITY, *June* 1, 1776.

ALL perſons having any demands againſt the eſtates of *John Woodrop*, jun. and *John Woodrop*, ſen. are deſired to make them known, properly authenticated; and all thoſe indebted to either of the ſaid eſtates, by bond or otherwiſe, are deſired to make immediate payment to

(4) SAMUEL HARWOOD, executor.

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AN ARMORER is wanted for the *Hero* galley. Any perſon qualified, and willing to ſerve on board the ſaid galley in that capacity, will pleaſe apply to the captain at *Hampton*.

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DESERTED from the *Hero* Galley, a certain *John Brown* born in *England*, but ſometimes pretends to paſs for a *Virginian*. He is about 5 feet 7 inches high, of a fair complexion, with almoſt white hair, which is ſhort and curling. He has been for ſome time troubled with a rupture, which occaſions him to walk badly. Any perſon apprehending and delivering the ſaid deſerter on board the *Hero* galley, lying at *Hampton*, ſhall have 3l.

GEORGE MUTER,
captain of the *Hero*.

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RUN away the 30th of *November* laſt, from the ſubſcriber, in *Botetourt* county, *Fincaſtle* town, a negro fellow named *JOE*, about 46 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, a ſlim ſtraight fellow, who has a very ſmooth way of ſpeaking, and when in liquor pretends to be very religious; he can read print very well, is a great liar, and will deceive any one that is not acquainted with him. He formerly ran away from *Virginia*, and was in moſt parts of *Carolina*, whither I have reaſon to think he is now gone, as one *Robinſon*, who ſaid he came from *Carolina*, that very night ſtole one of my neighbour's horſes, and went off. The ſaid *Robinſon* I believe to be a great rogue, and may pretend the negro is his, to get him away. *Joe* ſtole from me a black horſe about 14 or 15 years old, very gray about his ears, and paces naturally. He had on, when I ſaw him laſt, a pair of leather breeches, a hunting ſhirt, leggins, and old ſhoes; but as I believe he has been ſome time preparing for his journey, it is probable he has other clothes with him. Whoever takes up the ſaid negro and horſe, and ſecures them ſo as I get them again, ſhall have 40s. reward, if taken in *Virginia*, and if in *Carolina* 5l. THOMAS BOWYER.

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HANOVER county, *Dec.* 19, 1776.

CIRCUMSTANCES having made it neceſſary for the legatees of the eſtate of mr. *Francis Smith*, deceaſed, to attend at my houſe on *Monday* the 3d of *February* next, it is hoped they will not fail meeting at that time, as it is for the mutual intereſt of all concerned.----I beg leave to inform the purchaſers of the ſaid eſtate, that it is expected they will be punctual in their payments, which will become due very ſoon. The condition of their bonds, I hope, will be a ſufficient argument.

THOMAS SMITH.

*** Any perſon who has *white lead, verdigriſe, gold leaf*; or either of thoſe articles, to diſpoſe of, may have the beſt price for them by applying to

THOMAS SMITH.

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*To be SOLD, at the* Rocky Ridge, *on* Friday *the 7th of* February, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair day*,

FIFTY SLAVES, conſiſting of men, women, boys, and girls. One half of the ſaid negroes will be ſold for ready money; and for the remainder twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity, to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually paid to

PHILIP JOHNSON,
JAMES MAY JOHNSON.